

North Bay Roman Catholic Charities has been running in our community since the 1970's and is supported only through the generosity of donations and volunteer workers. Located at the Pro-Cathedral, the Food Bank is open every Tuesday morning and needs your assistance.

Our mandate is to provide this free food to our clients in a manner that allows them to have dignity while receiving our assistance. We consistently serve 50-100 clients each week to anyone who needs assistance no matter where they live in North Bay.

Our Food Bank is under increased pressure to respond to hungry families in need of food assistance. With the cost of living in all aspects of our lives continuing to rise (food, rent, utilities, clothing prices, etc.) families are left with limited resources to feed their families.

We are looking for the support of our community to help us continue our mission to feed the poor.

The next collection will be taken the weekend of April 23-24 or donations can be dropped off any time to the parish office during the work week.

We currently need peanut butter, granola bars, cereal, crackers (any type including soda biscuits), easy open cans of food (tuna, beans, stews, pasta) and individually wrapped items such as puddings, apple sauce, fruit, etc.

“If you can't feed a 100 people then feed just one.”

Mother Teresa



Our next **Baptismal Preparation Meeting** will be held in the Parish Hall on **TUESDAY, APRIL 12** beginning at 7:00 PM. Those who wish to register for this meeting to have their child baptized are asked to **call the parish office by Monday, April 11.**

Next Preparation Date: April 17, 2022

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BURSARIES



National Bursary Fund

Have you been thinking of expanding your knowledge of the Catholic faith? The National Bursary Fund (available to all members) assists women with the cost of furthering their education. The fund may be applied to various educational opportunities on spiritual growth, adult lay formation, youth ministry, parliamentary procedure, literacy tutoring and ministry to patients in palliative care or shut-ins. The maximum award is \$1,000 per year per applicant, and a member can receive up to \$4,000 in her lifetime.

Applications to the National Bursary Fund (with supporting documentation – refer to the criteria) **must be submitted to national office and postmarked by May 15.** Applications must be completed on the official form at cwl.ca and search 552 National Bursary Application.

PARISH BURSARY 2022

Each year we offer two students from the North Bay area high schools entering post secondary this fall a \$400 bursary. This program was paused due to the Covid pandemic but we are excited to be offering it again!



Criteria and application can be found at procathedral.ca/GROUPS/Catholic Women's League or picked up at the parish office.

Please note the deadline, June 3, 2022, for applications to be submitted. I look forward to receiving the applications!

Regards & Blessings,

Diane Carmichael, Education & Health Chairperson